

## House Resolution No.

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives were truly saddened by the death of Kansas Citian John Simpson Gillians on Saturday, March 15, 2003, at the age of eighty-three; and

**Whereas**, born on September 30, 1919, as the youngest son of Peter J. and Emma Coakley Gillians of Mt. Pleasant, South Carolina, John Gillians enjoyed a childhood filled with the diverse pleasures available to someone much beloved by older brothers and an older sister; and

**Whereas**, John Gillians attended Mt. Pleasant schools, including Laing High School from which he graduated, and Avery Junior College, which helped him prepare for his opportunities and challenges in life; and

**Whereas**, a member of the Army Air Corps during World War II, John Gillians was stationed in Italy and North Africa, honorably discharged, and convinced by friends from Kansas City, Missouri, to settle his family there in 1947; and

**Whereas**, down through the years John Gillians attended plumbing school to become a Master Plumber and Weaver School of Real Estate to become a Realtor, and worked for the Kansas City, Missouri, Water Department, United States Post Office, Fairfax aircraft plant as an inspector, and General Motors Buick-Oldsmobile-Pontiac plant in Fairfax for more than twenty-eight years as a member of UAW Local #31 who retired in 1981; and

**Whereas**, John Gillians joined Bethel African Methodist Episcopal Church in 1951, after which time he was noted for his activities with the Brotherhood Chorus, Men's Chorus, Cathedral Choir, Senior Choir, Usher Board #2, Senior Usher Board, Sunday School, Trustee Board, Steward Board, The Men of Bethel, and Senior Adult Council; and

**Whereas**, John Gillians is survived by a son, Rodney M. Gillians; two daughters, Emily M. Cheek and Barbara L. McCall and her husband, Willie; six grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; two great-great-granddaughters; numerous nieces; and two nephews:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, join unanimously to commemorate the fully-lived life and impressive personal accomplishments of the late John Gillians and to convey to his many family members, friends, and colleagues this legislative body's most heartfelt condolences at the passing of his considerable light and warmth from their daily lives; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution in memory of John Simpson Gillians of Kansas City, Missouri.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Craig Bland  
District No. 43

I, Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker of the House of Representatives, Ninety-second General Assembly, First Regular Session, do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House Resolution No. \_\_\_\_, adopted \_\_\_\_\_, 2003.

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Catherine L. Hanaway, Speaker